

JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.

Monday, October 28, 2013.

Met at six minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session, with Mr. Donato of Medford in the Chair (having been appointed by the Speaker, under authority conferred by Rule 5, to perform the duties of the Chair).

At the request of the Chair (Mr. Donato) the members, guests and employees joined with him in reciting the pledge of allegiance to the flag. Pledge of allegiance.

Resolutions.

Resolutions (filed with the Clerk by Representatives O'Connell of Taunton, Haddad of Somerset and Orrall of Lakeville) recognizing the ninetieth anniversary of the Taunton Lions Club, were referred, under Rule 85, to the committee on Rules. Taunton Lions Club.

Mr. Binienda of Worcester, for said committee, reported that the resolutions ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Kafka of Stoughton, the resolutions (reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn) were considered forthwith; and they were adopted.

Papers from the Senate.

Bills

A Bill relative to parental leave (Senate, No. 865, amended in lines 11 and 12 by striking out the words "or for the placement of a child with an employee pursuant to a court order") (on a petition); and Parental leave.

Enhancing protection for victims of domestic violence (Senate, No. 1897) (on Senate bill No. 1892); Domestic violence.

Severally passed to be engrossed by the Senate, were read; and they were referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.

Bills

Increasing the membership of the city of Lowell board of commissioners from 3 to 5 members (Senate, No. 935) (on a petition) [Local Approval Received]; and Lowell,—commissioners.

Authorizing the town of Topsfield to grant a license for the sale of wine to be drunk on the premises of the farmer-winery (Senate, No. 1790, amended in section 1, in line 1, by striking out the following: "11, 15, 15F, 17 and 19B" and inserting in place thereof the following: "11 and 17") (on a petition) [Local Approval Received]; Topsfield,—winery license.

Severally passed to be engrossed by the Senate, were read; and they were referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Petitions were referred, in concurrence, as follows:

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1893) of Jennifer L. Flanagan and Jonathan D. Zlotnik (with the approval of the mayor and city council) for legislation to authorize the city of Gardner to convey certain land to New England Power Company. To the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government. Gardner,—New England Power.

Northampton,—
retirement.

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1894) of Stanley C. Rosenberg and Peter V. Kocot (with the approval of the mayor and city council) for legislation to exempt certain employees from the Northampton retirement system. To the committee on Public Service.

Medfield,—
land.

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1889) of James E. Timilty and Denise C. Garlick (by vote of the town) for legislation to direct the Division of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance to transfer certain parcels of land in the town of Medfield. To the committee State Administration and Regulatory Oversight.

Beverly,—
land.

A petition (accompanied by bill) of Joan B. Lovely and Jerald A. Parisella for legislation to authorize the secretary of the Massachusetts Department of Transportation to convey and acquire certain parcels of land in the city of Beverly, came from the Senate referred, under suspension of Joint Rule 12, to the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight.

The House then concurred with the Senate in the suspension of said rule; and the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1901) was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight.

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Binienda of Worcester, for the committee on Rules and the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, that Joint Rule 12 be suspended on the following petitions:

Firearm
ID cards.

Petition (accompanied by bill) of Paul R. Heroux and others relative to renewal of firearm identification cards; and

Firearm
licenses.

Petition (accompanied by bill) of Paul R. Heroux and others relative to licenses to carry firearms;

Severally to the committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security.

Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Smizik of Brookline, the reports were considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 then was suspended, in each instance. Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Veterans,—
benefits.

By Mr. Dempsey of Haverhill, for the committee on Ways and Means, that the Senate Bill relative to veterans' allowances, labor, outreach, and recognition (Senate, No. 1885), ought to pass with an amendment by striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the text contained in House document numbered 3720. Referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling, with the amendment pending.

Mr. Kafka of Stoughton, for said committee, then reported that the matter be scheduled for consideration by the House.

Under suspension of Rule 7A, on motion of Mr. Kafka, the bill was read a second time forthwith.

The amendment recommended by the committee on Ways and Means then was adopted; and the bill (Senate, No. 1885, amended) was ordered to a third reading.

Educational
mandates
task force.

By Ms. Peisch of Wellesley, for the committee on Education, on Senate No. 264 and House, Nos. 373, 375, 459, 512, 528 and 534, a Bill establishing an educational mandate task force (House, No. 3722).

Read; and referred, under Joint Rule 29, to the committee on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.

By Ms. Peisch of Wellesley, for the committee on Education, on a petition, a Bill to expand access to the MCAS appeals process (House, No. 444). MCAS,— appeals.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to special education (House, No. 449). Special education.

By the same member, for the same committee, on Senate, No. 219 and House, Nos. 348, 385 and 453, a Bill relating to high school graduation requirements for students with learning disabilities (House, No. 453). Students,— graduation requirements.

By the same member, for the same committee, on Senate, No. 261 and House, Nos. 460 and 461, a Bill establishing six-year career plans for all Massachusetts public school students (House, No. 460). Students,— career plans.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to the MCAS appeals process (House, No. 494). MCAS,— appeals.

By the same member, for the same committee, on Senate, Nos. 206, 248 and 265 and House, No. 454, a Bill relative to bullying in schools (House, No. 3721). Schools,— bullying.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 432, a Bill relative to non-public school student access to the MCAS exam (House, No. 3723). MCAS,— non-public students.

Severally read; and referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.

By Ms. Peisch of Wellesley, for the committee on Education, on House, No. 456, a Bill to prevent concussion and head injury (House, No. 3724). Read; and referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling. Students,— concussions.

By Mr. Kafka of Stoughton, for the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling, that the House Bill relative to emergency scheduling of addictive substances by the Commissioner of Public Health (House, No. 3547), be scheduled for consideration by the House. Addictive substances,— scheduling.

Placed in the Orders of the Day for the next sitting for a second reading, with an amendment previously recommended by the committee on Health Care Financing,— that the bill be amended by substitution of a bill with the same title (House, No. 3711),— pending.

By Mr. Kafka of Stoughton, for the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling, that the following bills be scheduled for consideration by the House:

The Senate Bill authorizing the town of Petersham to borrow outside the debt limit for a certain town project (Senate, No. 1844) [Local Approval Received] and; Petersham,— debt limit.

House bills

Making discrimination on the basis of height and weight unlawful (House, No. 1758); Discrimination.

Relative to the issuance of public health warnings (House, No. 1932); Health warnings.

Relative to public health data sharing with the Boston Public Health Commission (House, No. 2070) [Local Approval Received]; Boston,— health data.

Rare disease day. Designating the last day of February as rare disease day in the Commonwealth (House, No. 2774);

Bus driver day. Establishing school bus driver day (House, No. 2880);

Shaken babies. To designate Shaken Baby Syndrome awareness week (House, No. 2881);

PANDAS/PANS. Designating PANDAS/PANS awareness day (House, No. 2882);

Adult foster care. Relative to adult foster care (House, No. 3426); and

Ashland,— Authorizing the town of Ashland to establish an enterprise fund (House, No. 3627) [Local Approval Received];

fund. Severally placed in the Orders of the Day for the next sitting for a second reading.

Engrossed Bills.

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Bills enacted. Relative to combining the offices of town treasurer and town collector in the town of Dudley (see House, No. 1833); and

Relative to the sale of alcoholic beverages in the town of Harvard (see House, No. 3494, changed and amended);

(Which severally originated in House);

Severally having been certified by the Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, were passed to be enacted; and they were signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Orders of the Day.

House bills

Third reading bills. Increasing the membership of the board of selectmen in the town of Southborough (House, No. 3551);

Relative to the Cohasset Board of Sewer Commissioners (House, No. 3671); and

Establishing a sick leave bank for Maritza Miranda, an employee of the Department of Children and Families (House, No. 3693);

Severally reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, were read a third time; and they were passed to be engrossed. Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Order.

On motion of Mr. DeLeo of Winthrop,—

Next sitting. *Ordered*, That when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet on Wednesday next at eleven o'clock A.M.

At a quarter after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. deMacedo of Plymouth (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following Wednesday at eleven o'clock A.M.